

PROVISIONAL CROSS-CATEGORICAL SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHING CERTIFICATE K-12

Certificate is valid for two years and is **not** renewable, but may be extended as set forth in R7-2-606 (H) or (I).

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All requirements for the Provisional Cross-Categorical Special Education Certificate must be met.

1. Bachelor's degree minimum from an accredited institution. Official transcript(s) required.
2. Valid Fingerprint Clearance Card issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.
3. Passing score on the **elementary professional knowledge** portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment.
4. Passing score on the **cross-categorical special education** portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment.
5. **ONLY ONE** of the following is required (A, B, or C):
 - A. 45 semester hours of education courses from an accredited institution including 21 semester hours of special education courses and 8 semester hours of practicum with students representing at least 3 of the 5 disability areas.
 - Special education courses shall include (1) survey of exceptional students, (2) teaching methodologies and strategies for students with disabilities, (3) foundations course in mild to moderate mental retardation, learning disability, emotional disabilities and physical and other health impairments, (4) diagnosis and assessment of mild disabilities, and (5) electives in special education; **and**
 - Two years of verified teaching experience in special education in grades K-12 may substitute for the eight semester hours of practicum. Please submit a letter from the District Superintendent, Personnel Director or designee to verify teaching experience.
 - B. A valid Cross-Categorical Special Education certificate from another state.
 - C. Completion of a teacher preparation program in special education from an accredited institution, which included courses in mental retardation, emotional disability, specific learning disability, orthopedic impairments and other health impairments.

NOTE: If you otherwise qualify for the certificate but are deficient in Arizona and/or U.S. Constitution, you have **three years** under a valid teaching certificate to fulfill the requirement, except that if you are teaching an academic course on history, government, social studies, citizenship, law, or civics, you have **one year** to fulfill the requirement. No additional certificate may be issued until the Arizona and/or U.S. Constitution requirement(s) have been fulfilled as described in §15-532 (B).

1. Arizona Constitution (a college course or the appropriate examination).
2. U.S. Constitution (a college course or the appropriate examination).

CURRENT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STANDARD CROSS-CATEGORICAL SPECIAL EDUCATION

CERTIFICATE --- Certificate is valid for six years and is renewable.

1. Qualify for the Provisional Cross-Categorical Special Education Certificate.
2. Valid Fingerprint Clearance Card issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.
3. Passing score on the **performance portion** of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment **or** two years of verified teaching experience may convert the Provisional Certificate to a Standard Certificate.

For further certification information please refer to our website at www.ade.az.gov/certification